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From your letter of 7 March I am afraid you have misinterpreted our comment relative to the future of the Central Intelligence Agency. Rather than being dubious I should say that our future should be quite bright. The intent of my previous comment was to indicate that our personnel situation with respect to existing vacancies would necessarily be a primary consideration as to whether we would actually have a place for you when you have become qualified.

It is regretted that we do not have information on Latin America available to be sent out of the Agency. I would suggest that your best course during the process of furthering your education would be to consult with your instructors as to available materials on this area.

I wish again to express appreciation for your interest in pointing your future in the direction of the intelligence field.

Sincerely,

R. H. HILLENKOTTER  
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Director of Central Intelligence

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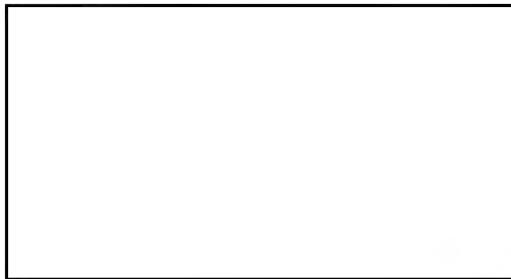
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It was a pleasure to receive your letter of 25 February with an expression of your desire to prepare yourself for a possible future affiliation with the Central Intelligence Agency.

Certainly a concentration on the Latin American countries in connection with your continued education will provide a basic background warranting consideration of your desire when your education has been completed. While it is not possible to predict what our situation may be at that time, we will be happy to talk to you seriously about coming with us when you have acquired an appropriate background.

I appreciate your contacting me and the interest you have expressed in the field of intelligence.

Sincerely,

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